



## CALIFORNIA FOREST FIRES TAKE HEAVY TOLL

### Three Women Are Dead And 12,000 Homeless In Fire-Swept District

## FIRES ARE NOT UNDER CONTROL

(Republican A. P. Leased Wire)  
LOS ANGELES, June 17.—Three women are dead, the residence section of one town has been wiped out, crops over a wide area have been destroyed, about 12,000 persons have been made homeless and several settlements and resorts were in peril at last reports, from two brush fires which for the past 24 hours have been burning furiously in the Santa Barbara national forest.

Neither fire at latest reports was under control.

The dead are Mrs. John Warner, Mrs. Frances Marquette and a Miss Sawyer, a nurse, all of whom succumbed to shock and prostration due to the fire.

The greatest damage so far has been done in the Ojai valley, 90 miles northwest of Los Angeles. Only the business section and a few isolated dwellings in the town of Ojai were left standing by a fire which swept through the valley last night. Many large and expensive country villas, the winter homes of eastern business and professional men, were burned to the ground.

The second fire, which started yesterday near Carpinteria, Cal., on the Santa Barbara coast, and for a time threatened that town, changed its course and was reported to be sweeping toward Stanley Park and Sheppard's Inn, two summer resorts, when telegraph communication between Los Angeles and Carpinteria failed.

The last report was that a general call for help had been sent out from the two threatened communities, and that guests at Sheppard's Inn were being hurried away in automobiles.

Ojai Nearly Wiped Out  
OJAI, Cal., June 17.—Only the business section of this town and a few isolated residences stand here today as survivors of the forest fire which last night swept down the Ojai valley. After burning over fifty square miles and causing damage estimated to be in excess of \$500,000, the flames were reported burning fiercely on the high ridges north of here and still beyond control of the 500 fire fighters.

Most of the 1000 residents of the town are being cared for at Ventura and Santa Paula, whether they were taken last night. Only two persons are known to have been injured.

Fire fighters made their way late last night to Wheeler Springs, where 100 persons from Los Angeles had been reported trapped by the flames. They found the resort party out of danger.

Many handsome residences here and large and expensive houses on country estates, some of them the homes of eastern business and professional men, were reported to have been burned to the ground.

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## VILLA ORDERS ALL ROADS LEADING TO CHIHUAHUA CUT

(Republican A. P. Leased Wire)  
EL PASO, Texas, June 17.—Francisco Villa has given orders for all railroads connecting Chihuahua City with the outside world to be cut this week in order to isolate the state capital and to prevent the state capital from being cut off from the rest of the world.

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## BELGIUM GRATEFUL FOR AMERICAN AID

(Republican Associated Press Leased Wire)  
WASHINGTON, June 17.—Belgium's diplomatic mission came to Washington today to express its gratitude for America's relief work and to discuss with American officials the reparations that is to be demanded of Germany for her violated faith at the beginning of the war and international crimes which have followed it. The mission was received with all the courtesies and probably with deeper emotions than the official missions of the greater nations who preceded them. Secretary Lansing, Counselor Polk and Assistant Secretary Phillips of the state department greeted them at the station, after which they were taken to the home of Larz Anderson, former minister to Belgium, which is to be their headquarters.

Baron Ludovic Moncheur, chief of the political bureau of the Belgian foreign office and for eight years minister to this country is the head of the mission. It is understood he expects to confine his efforts in the near future largely to the ultimate peace questions rather than to immediate war needs. In the latter he will find his wishes already met, for the United States shortly after its entrance into the war took over the entire cost of the Belgian relief. Each month the treasury department advances \$1,500,000 for this purpose.

The mission will be presented to President Wilson tomorrow and later will be received by the senate and house of representatives and will be entertained at a series of formal receptions.

## AMERICAN TELLS OF HORRORS OF FOLKESTONE RAID

(Correspondence of the Associated Press)  
FOLKESTONE, England, May 31.—Among those who experienced the horrors of the recent German air raid on Folkestone, in which many persons were killed and injured, was the Rev. Burris A. Jenkins of Kansas City, Mo., a statement given the Associated Press. Mr. Jenkins graphically described the record breaking attack and told of his sensations during the rain of destruction from the sky.

"It was our first time under fire and it remained a most vivid memory," he said. "The only drawback to this comparison is that the sun was shining in a clear blue sky over a peaceful sea."

"As the shells were crashing around us and houses were falling in, before I knew it I was humming a long forgotten tune, doubtless unconsciously associated with these old days. Two other men in my party independently testified that they also began singing softly."

"Perhaps this tendency to sing or hum is a manifestation of nerves and explains why troops always do so when we see them embarking for France; they know that next day they will be in the trenches—may be over the parapet. At all events, we all confessed to a certain fear."

"Most people took to the cellars. Had I known there was a cellar handy, or that it is considered good form in the circumstances, I should have followed; for soon I found myself alone on the roof overlooking the sea, where I had gone at the first try of Zeiss."

"When I rushed out of our house by the seaside, I found crowds going upward in the direction of the sun. I could see nothing of the flare, neither apparently could others."

"Suddenly two little girls cried: 'there they are!' Then I saw them, two air planes, not Zeppelins, emerging from the disc of the sun almost overhead. When four more, or five, in a line and others all like bright silver insects hovering against the blue of the sky."

"Then the air was split by the whistle and rush of the first bomb, which sounded like the shrill siren of a car. This was followed at once by a detonation that shook the earth. I heard nobody shriek, weep or cry aloud. The people were marvellously controlled."

"I glanced in the direction of the shell burst, a hundred yards away, and the debris was still going up like a column of smoke. Then came two more strokes, apparently in the same spot. Then three other bombs fell. I afterward found the missiles wrecked the O-hotel and grounded the motor car."

"Then another bomb demolished the minor house by the sea. Two others now fell in the water behind me, and the gravel and mud and water spouted up in a geyser to the top of the cliffs where I stood. Later I learned that one of these shots tore off the legs of a little boy playing with his sister. The mother lay in a faint and the little sister, driven mad, rushed blindly into the water. She was rescued by a wounded soldier."

"Other shots fell, but I could count no further. They came thick and fast, like cracking, like blasts of our western lightning. But there were 200 or more casualties, nearly a hundred of them fatalities."

"Anti-aircraft shells were now bursting in the air. Then followed in the distance the purr of the machine guns, and we knew that our own planes were in the air."

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## NO EVIDENCE OF STRIKE CALLED IN BUTTE MINES

(Republican A. P. Leased Wire)  
BUTTE, Mont., June 17.—There were no evident signs in Butte today that a strike had been called on by the Butte Mining companies by the metal mine workers' union, which was organized last week. The new union held its daily meeting, perfecting its organization and enrolling members. A number less than 2,000 miners was claimed by the officers as members of the union. The union named additional men to picket the mines.

A new development in the labor situation in Butte was expected to take place when the electrical workers are scheduled to quit work in response to a strike order against the Montana Power company, the concern which supplies Butte industries with light and power. The employers' association has issued a statement saying it was ready to combat the strikers as they had refused to arbitrate.

The trouble in the Butte mining field began three years ago when the Butte local of the Western Federation of Miners revolted from the parent organization because of alleged arbitrary actions of the Western Federation. The union hall was destroyed at the time and the Montana National Guard was called to Butte for duty. A new union not connected with an international organization was formed but it did not prosper and the mines have been running open shop.

The mine disaster of ten days ago, according to labor leaders, presented an opportunity for the organization of a union and as a consequence, men, said by the mine owners, to be Industrial Workers of the World, organized a union, known as the Metal Mine Workers' union. Members of the union deny that their leaders are members of the I. W. W.

The demands include a wage scale of \$4.75 daily, the present wage is \$4.75; improved working conditions and recognition of the union.

The Silver Bow Trades and Labor Council, the Central Labor body of Butte, has begun a movement to organize the miners into a union that will affiliate with the American Federation of Labor and has sent an executive committee members of the federation to come to Butte.

## PLANES MAKE NEW RAID ON ENGLAND

(Republican A. P. Leased Wire)  
LONDON, June 17.—German airships made a raid on the east and south coasts of England early this morning (Sunday). One Zeppelin was brought down in flames, according to an official announcement after one of the raiders had dropped bombs in Kent. The other Zeppelin was reported to have been dropped from the latter ship. Some damage was done and fire broke out in a coast town. No further details are yet to hand.

"Later one Zeppelin was brought down in flames."

## ZEPPELIN DOWNED IN AIR RAID

(Republican A. P. Leased Wire)  
Another Zeppelin airship and its entire crew had been accounted for by a British aviator during a bomb dropping raid over the Kentish coast of England.

Little fighting, except by the artillery, wings is taking place on any of the various war fronts. On the front in France, held by the British, aside from the artillery duels, there have been only minor operations in the nature of raids, and a continuation of the aerial activity that has been so pronounced for weeks past.

Near Hurler's the Germans in a night attack seized portions of trenches held by the French, but later were forced to give back most of them in a counter attack. Considerable artillery activity continues in Belgium in the regions of Stenstraete and Het Sas.

In Macedonia the artillery duels that have been in progress for several weeks are still going on but the expected infantry attacks have not developed. Meanwhile the entente forces continue to throw their troops into Thessaly, the occupation of various towns having been accomplished without outward incident.

French cavalry now has reached Thessaly and is making raids on the Russian front. The Russian duma at a secret session has passed a resolution calling for an immediate offensive and declaring that a separate peace with Germany would be treason toward Russia's allies.

A report received in New York from an incoming steamer says that a German submarine has been sighted off the coast of France. One member of the crew perished.

A reconstruction of the Italian ministry is reported to have been proposed to King Victor Emmanuel by the premier as a result of the crisis which developed last night.

Coast Town Suffers  
SOUTHEAST COAST TOWN, England, June 17.—This town suffered most from this morning's visit of German air raiders. Two Zeppelins appeared over it shortly after 2 o'clock. Their presence was made known through the hum of their engines, and shortly afterward by the dropping of bombs, which exploded in various parts of the town, bringing a majority of the population into the streets in their nightclothes.

Aerial torpedoes were dropped, but the raiders also employed high explosive and incendiary bombs, which caused a number of fires. A number of houses were reduced to ruins.

It was only a few minutes after the bombing that the people had their first glimpse of one of the raiders as it turned seaward, evidently trying to get home. It burst into flames which lit up the sky for miles.

Eye witnesses say they first saw a tiny, snake-like flame creep along the

## WOMAN IS HELD AS WITNESS IN RUTH CRUGER CASE

(Republican A. P. Leased Wire)  
NEW YORK, June 17.—Mrs. Marie Cocchi, wife of Victor Cocchi, who kept a bicycle repair shop over the cellar where the body of 15 year old Ruth Cruger, murdered Wednesday high school student, was found yesterday, was held today as a material witness in the case. With the woman also were held Victor Blady, a chauffeur and Joseph Palumbo, a clerk, both of whom today as a material witness in the case. The skates, with a pair of shoes attached, were dug up near where the skates were found, had blood stains on it also.

Many persons who have been examined by the police since the body was found, were subpoenaed today to appear before the grand jury tomorrow.

## HOUSEWIVES MUST HELP IN CONSERVATION OF FOOD OF NATION

## DECLARES HOOVER

## AMERICA TO DRIVE GERMANY FROM AIR

(Republican Associated Press Leased Wire)  
WASHINGTON, June 17.—Full approval has been given by the war department to the air supremacy program of the defense council's aircraft board, and President Wilson has been asked to put the administration's support behind the great project for which an appropriation of \$600,000,000 is sought.

Under the plan the United States would become a great elementary training base immediately for all the allies and enormous numbers of training machines would be turned out while American plants are developing a serviceable battle craft. By next spring the board proposes to have the allies ready to drive the Germans from the air.

The program seems by all means the most effective way in which to exert America's force at once in telling fashion," said Secretary Baker today. "We can train thousands of aviators and build thousands of machines without interfering in the slightest with the plans for building up our armies and for supplying the allies with food and munitions."

The aircraft plan meets the demands of the situation. According to the best obtainable information there are about 7,000,000 men on the western front today. The addition of a few infantry units, while of great moral value, would count for little in forcing a decision. A few thousand trained aviators, however, may spell the whole difference between victory and defeat.

## INDEPENDENCE OF SPAIN IS SOUGHT BY CATALONIANS

(Republican A. P. Leased Wire)  
PARIS, June 17.—Some light is thrown on the present situation in Spain, which has been the cause of misgivings recently, by a special correspondent of the Petit Parisien who has been making an investigation there. He wires the following summary of the situation which made the position of the last cabinet untenable and presents an acute problem for the new ministry:

First of all, the situation in Catalonia is a district of about 12,000 square miles in the northeast of Spain with a population of nearly 2,000,000, whose capital is Barcelona is critical. The inhabitants are aroused against the Spanish government and are agitating for complete independence. One faction openly declares in a Barcelona newspaper that it will obey no law not passed by Catalonians for Catalonians, and demands independence at any price.

Aside from this local situation, the correspondent finds that the economic state of affairs in general demands speedy action by the cabinet. Strikes are everywhere, and the industrial workers. The cost of living has advanced 15 to 25 per cent in the last three months and now the poor can no longer endure the strain.

## DOUGLAS AUTOISTS NARROWLY ESCAPE DEATH ON DESERT

Bringing the tale of a terrible experience on the terrible Arizona desert with the temperature far above the one hundred mark and nearer to an awful death than they cared even to contemplate, R. E. Claborn, his mother, Mrs. Fisher and his three sisters, all of Douglas, arrived in Phoenix late last night after a day, the like of which they never again care to experience.

At the Hotel Adams last night where the Douglas party will remain during their stay in Phoenix, they were almost too exhausted to talk. However, they were mindful of their narrow escape, and thankful for their deliverance, told of their experience while marooned on the hot desert, waiting for help, their water exhausted, motor car disabled and their throats swollen and parched for need of a drink.

Mr. Claborn, his mother and sisters, are motoring home from the Pacific coast. Shortly before noon yesterday, while some distance this side of Wenden, sixty or seventy miles northwest of Phoenix on the Parker cut-off, they encountered a stretch of the worst road between Phoenix and the coast. On account of excessive use by heavy cars the road had been badly cut up and so filled with dust that it was impossible to know how deep the ruts were.

When the sun was nearing the zenith, the Claborn motor car plunged into ex-

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(Republican A. P. Leased Wire)  
WASHINGTON, June 17.—Herbert C. Hoover outlined tonight his plans for enlisting the nation's housewives as actual members of the food administration and appealed to them to join him in the fight for conservation measures and the elimination of waste. The women will be enrolled during a period of registration from July 1 to July 15 through the Council of National Defense and the state defense councils.

Mr. Hoover is proceeding at the direction of President Wilson, who without waiting for congress to enact the administration food bills, directed him to proceed with organization of the food administration in so far as is contemplated assembling volunteer effort.

"As requested by the president," says his statement, "we ask every woman in the United States engaged in the personal control of food to register for actual membership in the food administration, thus entering directly into the national service. We shall later on ask various classes of men likewise engaged in food preparation and distribution to also volunteer to the national service in their various branches."

"We must enter a period of sacrifice for our country and for democracy. Many must go into battle but many can only remain at home. The world's food supply is short and many must suffer. We have the major burden of feeding the whole world. Food must be managed and transported in our country and to our allies in such a way as to get the most out of it. Those who remain at home can also help and can 'fight by helping the fighter' and can 'serve by saving.'"

"Since food will decide the war, each American woman can do a real national service by protecting the food supply. In no other field do small things, when multiplied by our hundred million people count for so much. A single pound of bread saved weekly for each person will increase our export surplus of wheat 100,000,000 bushels, and an average saving of two cents on each meal every day for each person will save to the nation for war purposes, \$2,000,000 per annum."

"Furthermore this is not alone a war question. The high prices which are scouring so hard on the poor and the more moderate war earnings in this country, are partially due to the shortage of supplies in the world's market and the saving in consumption and waste which can be made will lessen the prices to those who are poor, which must be our first solicitude. In all of the arrangements which we plan to make during the forthcoming year for the supply of our allies, we will bear the first and most important part, that they shall have plenty, provided that they eat wisely and without waste."

"All effort at saving must be directed toward the saving of food and the international situation. These efforts must also be made in unison and by all of us. Therefore, the groundwork of direction must be national in character, calculated not only to effect national economy, but also to serve the war interests of the country as a whole. These directions will require supplement, from time to time, of local character, and we propose in the first

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## FRENCH FREIGHT STEAMER IS SUNK

(Republican A. P. Leased Wire)  
NEW YORK, June 17.—News of the destruction of the big French freight steamer Mississippi by a German submarine, with a loss of one of the merchantman's crew, was brought here today by officers of a British freight vessel that arrived at a French port.

The Mississippi, of 6,670 tons gross, was torpedoed and sunk about 140 miles out from the port of Brest, France, on June 2, according to officers of the British ship which rescued 47 officers and seamen from open boats. They had been afloat only a short time. The only sailor lost was drowned while the crew was taking to the boats.

The Mississippi was in regular trade between New Orleans and Havre.

## Hoover Asks Pastors To Preach For Food Increase

(Republican Associated Press Leased Wire)  
NEW YORK, June 17.—Co-operation with the department of agriculture in impressing upon the people of the country the necessity for the "largest possible production of food and the smallest possible quantity of waste," was urged by Herbert C. Hoover today in a letter to 200,000 clergymen of various denominations, distributed through the federal council of the churches of Christ in America.

All pastors are requested to preach on food conservation Sunday July 1, and to endeavor to interest religious and civic bodies in a food saving campaign.

"In such a time as this," wrote Mr. Hoover, "the people naturally turn to the church. It will be a calamity to the nation and to the churches if their chosen ministers neglect to exercise their proper leadership in the great cause of feeding a world in need, for the world is in want of food."

Mr. Hoover estimated the annual waste of food at \$1,000,000,000.

## Liberty Loan Nearly One Third Over-Subscribed

(Republican Associated Press Leased Wire)  
WASHINGTON, June 17.—With three federal reserve districts' totals complete and the work of tabulating returns in the other nine nearing its end, indications were tonight that Liberty Loan subscriptions would total in the final count approximately \$2,800,000,000 and that the total would be definitely known, subject to minor revisions, late tomorrow.

Final tabulations were reported today by the Philadelphia and Cleveland reserve banks. Although Atlanta's total of \$52,500,000 was completed yesterday no official report had been received at the treasury today. The Philadelphia and Cleveland figures were not announced here but they were known to approximate in round numbers \$229,000,000 and \$279,000,000 respectively.

Treasury officials are desirous of receiving official returns at the earliest possible moment in order that the task of making allotments may be commenced. It is possible that all subscribers up to \$10,000 will receive their allotments in full, thus restricting the pro-rata of allotments to subscribers in excess of that sum in bringing the total down to \$2,000,000,000 in accordance with Secretary McAdoo's announcement.